

Oct. 28, 2015

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service - Grant Deadline Nov. 9

Do you have a service project idea for Dr. King Day? The City of Bloomington Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Celebration Commission has funding to support community service and educational projects which will take place on or near the King holiday, which is Jan. 18. The deadline is 5 p.m. on Nov. 9. Organizations and individuals are invited to submit proposals for projects that are dynamic and relevant, that combine meaningful service or education and thoughtful reflection, and that provide volunteers with opportunities for sustained service and ongoing community involvement. Apply online at http://tinyurl.com/MLKBloomington or contact Michael Shermis at (812) 349-3471 or mlk@bloomington.in.gov. (www.bloomington.in.gov/mlk)

Chocolate Walk Fundraiser - Nov. 14

Volunteers who can help with the Brown County Humane Society's annual Chocolate Walk in beautiful Nashville, Indiana would be very much appreciated! In this fun event, ticket holders stroll through Nashville, visiting the shops and restaurants and collecting chocolate treats along the way. Volunteers take morning or afternoon shifts to check tickets at the shops. This is an important fundraiser for the Humane Society each year. Minimum age is 18. Please contact Erika Imhoof at (812) 988-7362 or volunteer@bchumane.org. (www.bchumane.org)

Community Wish List Spotlight

Interfaith Winter Shelter

A low-barrier winter homeless shelter involving over 20 faith communities. To grant a wish, contact Daniel Watts at wattbush@gmail.com or (812) 333-6168. (c/o First Presbyterian Church, 221 E. 6th St.; www.interfaithwintershelter.org)

Wishes: men's and women's gloves, hats, socks, scarves, breakfast and snack bars, juice boxes, coffee (decaffeinated and regular), tooth brushes, tooth paste, combs, blankets, twin size sheets, pillow cases

Use the Community Wish List to start a drive within your school, faith community or other group, or purchase a couple of items yourself. It WILL make a difference to those served by this organization.

Handy Person

Stepping Stones is seeking an experienced volunteer to assist with general household maintenance, who could assist them on an as-needed basis for 4-5 hours a month. Stepping Stones operates from five apartments, which require a certain amount of regular maintenance that is not covered by the apartment complex. Volunteer should expect requests such as fixing doors and blinds, making light cosmetic repairs, maintaining dishwashers, spackling, and replacing and installing window screens. Volunteers are requested to commit to six months. Minimum age is 21. Please contact Stepping Stones at (812) 339-9771 or afornal@steppingstones-inc.org. (www.steppingstones-inc.org)

Thanksgiving Meal – Nov. 14

In collaboration with local community organizations, schools and parents, Cry of the Children seeks to help youth obtain the tools they need to build and maintain successful relationships with parents, teachers and the larger community. Programs currently include a Step Team and they are working to form a robotics team. On Nov. 14, they will be hosting their 9th annual community Thanksgiving meal. Volunteers are invited to assist with cooking, setting up, greeting diners, serving meals, cleaning up and fellowship. The event will be held at the Salvation Army, 111 N. Rogers Street. Minimum age is 18. Please contact Mrs. Dellsie Boddie at (812) 332-0610 or cryofthechildren@gmail.com. (www.cryofthechildren.com)

Communications for The Language Conservancy

The Language Conservancy, which assists Native American groups as they work to revitalize their native languages, is seeking an individual who is interested in Native American issues and skilled in communications. Candidate should have strong written and oral communication skills in English, and must show initiative and exhibit professionalism. Experience with WordPress, building websites, and marketing is preferred. The communications volunteer works closely with the Communications Manager on outreach, marketing, social media, research, and special events. Minimum age is 18. Please contact Sandy Messner at (812) 961-6360 or sandy@languageconservancy.org. (www.languageconservancy.org)

The City of Bloomington Volunteer Network is your source for information about volunteering locally. For a complete listing, visit BloomingtonVolunteerNetwork.org or call 812-349-3433.The inclusion of an organization in this list does not imply City endorsement or support of the organization's activities or policies.

